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Prosecutions under the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act in Malabar.

* 120 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state— 11-40 a.m.

(*a*) how many prosecutions were launched under the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act in Malabar after the Act came into force; and

(*b*) how many of them ended in conviction and how many in acquittal?

THE. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Since the coming into force of the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 56 prosecutions were launched under the Act in the Malabar district.

" (*b*) Of this, 14 cases ended in conviction and 23 cases in acquittal. The remaining 19 cases are still pending."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" For what period are the figures given? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, the figures given are for the last three or four years."

Annual " Provincial last grade inferior servants' " conference, Cuddalore.

* 121 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are in receipt of the resolutions passed at the " Provincial last grade inferior servants' " annual conference held at Cuddalore on 23rd August 1953;

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken to keep them on a par with the Central Government—say—Fourth Grade Officers; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken to give them the earned leave to which the superior servants are eligible in this State?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, question No. 122 may also be taken as answered along with question No. 121."

Annual " Presidency last grade inferior servants' " conference Cuddalore.

* 122 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government are in receipt of the resolution, S. Nos. 4 to 7, passed at the Fifth Annual Presidency Conference of the Last Grade Government Servants' Association held on Sunday, 23rd August 1953 at the South Arcot District Board Hall, Cuddalore, South Arcot district; and if so, what action has been taken?

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) of question No. 121—Yes.

" (b) of question No. 121—The resolutions passed at the Provincial Last Grade Government Servants' Association do not contain a reference to this aspect which is referred to in this clause.

" (c) of question 121—The leave terms admissible to Last Grade Government Servants are not the same as those admissible to permanent superior Government servants. This question was examined once in 1946–47 by the Government. Again I propose to look into the matter."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Last grade inferior servants" என்று சொல்லப்படுகிறவர்களுக்கு கொடுக்கப்படும் சலுகைகள் எல்லாம், last grade தற்காலிக சிப்பந்திகளுக்கும் அளிக்கப்படுமா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Let us first see what can be done in regard to regularly paid people and then we will consider about people paid from contingencies and work-charged people."

Representation from ex-toddy tappers of Kunnathur.

* 123 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state whether she received the representation of ex-toddy tappers from Kunnathur during her tour in Kangayam in regard to their grievances against the Co-operative Department at Erode; and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. As regards the second part, necessary action was taken wherever the allegations contained in the representations were found to be true."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" மாஜி கள்ளிறக்குவோரால் சர்க்காருக்கு அவர்களுடைய குறைகளை எல்லாம் தெரியப்படுத்தி மகஜர்கள் அனுப்பப் பட்டிருக்கின்றன. ஆனால் இதுவரையில் எந்தவிதமான நடவடிக்கையும் எடுக்கப்படவில்லை. பதனி இறக்குவோர் வருஷத்திற்கு இரண்டு முறை லைசன்ஸ் வாங்க வேண்டியிருக்கிறது."

MR. SPEAKER :—" நீங்கள் பேசக்கூடாது. கேள்விதான் கேட்க வேண்டும்."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" அவர்களுடைய குறைகளை நீக்குவதற்கு சர்க்கார் உடனடியாக ஏதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா ?"

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" Sir, it will be looked into."